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SUBJECT: ALLEGED EXTRADITION REQUEST IN WOLSTENCROFT INDICTMENT

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- 1. EMBASSY IS AUTHORIZED TO DENY CATEGORICALLY ALLEGATIONS IN TRIBUNE STORY THAT U.S. AGENTS ARE TRYING TO SCARE PEOPLE AWAY FROM BAHAMAS, AND YOU MAY STATE THAT NO U.S. AGENCIES HAVE PERSONNEL IN BAHAMAS AT THIS TIME ASSIGNED TO WOLSTENCROFT, DEATON OR CASTLE BANK. (FYI: JUSTICE (BAILOR) AND IRS (MCGOWAN) VERIFIED ABOVE.)
- 2. U.S. ATTORNEY FOR WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS (DALLAS) OBTAINED INDICTMENT AGAINST WOLSTENCROFT IN APRIL FOR MAIL FRAUD IN CONNECTION WITH SCHEME TO SELL SILVER MINING CONFIDENTIAL

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SHARES. JUSTICE DEPARTMENT IS CONSIDERING EXTRADITION

REQUEST, BUT HAS NOT YET DECIDED WHETHER TO PROCEED.

- 3. DEATON HAS BEEN IN CUSTODY IN DUESSELDORF, FRG FOR OVER ONE MONTH PURSUANT TO INDICTMENT ISSUED IN DALLAS AND PENDING EXTRADITION. TO OUR KNOWLEDGE HE HAS NOT RECENTLY BEEN IN BAHAMAS.
- 4. INFORMATION IN PARA 2 AND 3 ABOVE MAY NOT BE MADE PUBLIC BECAUSE OF PENDING PROSECUTIONS, BUT EMBASSY MAY INFORM GCOB ON FYI BASIS.
- 5. DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT HEARST NEWSPAPERS ARE PUBLISHING 5-DAY SERIES ON FOREIGN BANKING, INCLUDING AT LEAST ONE ARTICLE ON CASTLE BANK. FIRST ARTICLE SCHEDULED TO APPEAR TODAY IN SAN FRANCISCO EXAMINER. CBS IS REPORTEDLY CONSIDERING ONE-HOUR SPECIAL ON FOREIGN BANKING BY MIKE WALLACE. WE DO NOT KNOW HOW THIS RELATES TO BARRY LANDO'S WORK FOR "60 MINUTES." ROBINSON

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